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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

NORTHERN ALASKA
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEBRA HAALAND, in her official
capacity, *et al.*,

Defendants,

and

AMBLER METALS, LLC, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No. 3:20-cv-00187-SLG

DEFENDANTS' ELEVENTH STATUS REPORT

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Defendants submit the following status report in accordance with the Court's Order Re Motions for Voluntary Remand (ECF No. 143) dated May 17, 2022. This is Defendants' eleventh status report, which expands upon information provided in the prior status reports, the most recent of which was filed on January 16, 2024 (ECF No. 202).

Defendant Bureau of Land Management (BLM) posted the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and preliminary revised Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act Section 810 Evaluation to its ePlanning website on October 13, 2023. BLM and the Environmental Protection Agency published notices of availability of the Draft SEIS in the Federal Register on October 20 and 23, respectively. The public comment period on the Draft SEIS ended on December 22. BLM conducted several public meetings concerning the Draft SEIS, and conducted associated ANILCA Section 810 hearings on subsistence use in communities affected by the project. Transcripts from these meetings will be posted when they become available. Information about the project can be found at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/57323/510>. BLM has previously reported that it anticipated publishing a Final SEIS in the first quarter of calendar year 2024, but now anticipates publishing a Final SEIS in the second quarter of calendar year 2024. BLM continues to anticipate publishing a Record of Decision in the second quarter of calendar year 2024.

Defendants' next report is due on May 17, 2024. Defendants will continue to "(1) provide prompt notice to Plaintiffs of any applications and authorizations for activities on federal lands related to the Ambler Road and (2) provide no less than 28 days' notice to Plaintiffs in advance of any ground-disturbing activities [except limited brush clearing

solely to allow for helicopter landings] occurring pursuant to the 404 permit or other authorizations.” Order Re Motions for Reconsideration 12, ECF No. 151.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 18, 2024, a copy of the foregoing was served by electronic means on all counsel of record by the Court’s CM/ECF system.

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